

Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the claims on file with the enclosed claims 1-42.

1. (currently amended) An automated kiosk comprising:

(a) a cabinet;

(b) a face frame, releasably securable to said cabinet, said face frame defining an interface area opening;

(c) a plurality of cross members- member connection points at least one of said cross members secured to on said face frame; and said cross member configurations dividing said interface area into a plurality of sub-areas

(d) optionally, one or more hardware connection points on said face frame;

a plurality of hardware components releasably secured to said cross members and positionable within said sub-areas;

wherein said plurality of cross member configurations define various combinations of sub-areas of adjustable shapes and sizes within said interface area for receiving various combinations of hardware components of various shapes and sizes.

(e) a plurality of cross members, each said cross member having

(i) a first end,

(ii) a second end,

- (iii) optionally one or more interstitial cross member connection points situated between said first end and said second end; and
- (iv) one or more interstitial hardware connection points situated between said first end and said second end;

at least one of said cross members releasably securable to said face frame such that the first end is secured to a cross member connection point, the second end being secured to either a second cross member connection point or to an interstitial cross member connection point located on a second cross member;

such cross members dividing said opening into at least two sub-openings;

wherein at least one cross member is releasably securable in a variety of configurations to said face frame to provide sub-areas of varying sizes, depending on said configuration, such that, in one configuration, at least one of a plurality of first hardware components having at least 3 sides and a first front face can be releasably secured to said cabinet by affixing said first hardware component to at least one hardware connection point or interstitial hardware connection point, and, in a second configuration, at least one of a plurality of second hardware components having a second front face of a size that is different than said first front face can be releasably secured to said cabinet by affixing said second hardware component to at least one hardware connection point or interstitial hardware connection point.

2. (previously presented) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, wherein said hardware components are sized and configured such that they project substantially directly inward into said cabinet when said face frame is secured to said cabinet.

3. (previously presented) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, wherein one edge of said face frame is hinged to a corresponding edge of said cabinet.

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a faceplate secured to at least one of said cross members, wherein at least one of said plurality of hardware components is secured to said faceplate such that said at least one of said plurality of hardware components is secured to said cross members indirectly.

7. (currently amended) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1 wherein one of said plurality of hardware components is a keyboard housing containing a keyboard, and said keyboard therefore being is secured to said face frame indirectly ~~by a through said keyboard housing, and said keyboard housing is secured to said face frame.~~

8. (previously presented) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a main frame secured to said face frame, at least another of said cross members secured to said main frame such that at least another of said cross members is secured to said face frame indirectly.

9. (previously withdrawn, currently amended) A kiosk as claimed in claim [[8]] 1, further comprising a plurality of housings secured to said face frame.

10. (previously withdrawn, currently presented) A kiosk as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a faceplate on an upper portion of said face frame, said faceplate configured such that a top of said faceplate projects farther out from said face frame than a bottom of said faceplate.

11. (currently amended) An automated kiosk comprising:

(a) a cabinet;

(b) a face frame connected to said cabinet, said face frame defining an interface area opening;

(c) a plurality of hardware components cross members secured to said face frame; and a plurality of cross members secured to said face frame, wherein at least one of said cross members is releasably securable in a plurality of configurations in relation to said face frame thereby defining various sizes and shapes of sub-areas within said interface area and dividing said opening into at least two sub-openings;

wherein the cross members are releasably securable in a plurality of configurations in relation to said face frame, one of said plurality of configurations providing sub-openings having different shapes, sizes or areas as compared to a second of said plurality of configurations.

12. (currently amended) The kiosk as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a door in said kiosk, said door configured to allow access to said hardware components.

13. (previously presented) The kiosk as claimed in claim 12 wherein said face frame is said door.

14. (withdrawn) The kiosk as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a plurality of cross members secured to said face frame, wherein at least one of said plurality

of hardware components is secured to said cross members such that at least one of said plurality of hardware components is secured to said face frame indirectly.

15. (previously presented) The kiosk as claimed in claim 11, wherein said hardware components are sized and configured such that they project substantially directly inward into said cabinet when said face frame is secured to said cabinet.

16. (withdrawn) The kiosk as claimed in claim 14, wherein at least one of said cross members is releasably securable in a plurality of configurations in relation to said face frame.

17. (currently amended) The kiosk as claimed in claim 14, ~~further comprising wherein the hardware component comprises a faceplate and an active component, such that said faceplate is secured to at least one of said plurality of cross members, wherein said at least one of said plurality of hardware components is secured to said faceplate such that said at least one of said plurality of hardware components is secured to said cross members indirectly~~ said face frame and/or said cross member, and said active component is secured to said face frame, such that said active component is only secured to said face frame and/or said cross member indirectly.

18. (previously presented) The kiosk as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a main frame secured to said face frame, at least one of said cross members secured to said main frame such that at least one of said cross members is secured to said face frame indirectly.

19. (withdrawn): A method of modifying a kiosk, comprising the steps of:
(a) removing a hardware component or a faceplate from said kiosk;
(b) repositioning a releasably securable cross member on said kiosk; and

(c) installing a new hardware component on said kiosk.

20. (withdrawn): A method of constructing a kiosk, comprising the steps of:

- (a) assembling a cabinet to a face frame;
- (b) receiving an order which designates the hardware components required for the kiosk;
- (c) securing a plurality of cross members to said face frame in a configuration suitable for receiving said designated hardware components; and
- (d) securing said designated hardware components to said cross members.

21. (currently amended) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1 wherein said cross members define member connection points as a plurality of longitudinally spaced apart holes for receiving a fastener for securing said cross members.

22. (currently amended) The kiosk as claimed in claim 21 wherein said holes are spaced apart at intervals of predetermined length.

23. (currently amended) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of faceplates releasably secured to said face frame or cross members, at least one of said plurality of hardware components releasably secured to at least one of said plurality of face plates.

24. (cancelled)

25. (currently amended) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, wherein said face frame has a front face defining a plurality of recesses, said kiosk further comprising a plurality of faceplates having a front surface, received with said recesses and releasably secured to said face frame or said cross members such that the front

surface of said faceplates is substantially parallel to said front face of said face frame, at least one of said plurality of hardware components releasably secured to at least one of said plurality of faceplates.

26. (previously withdrawn, re-presented) The kiosk as claimed in claim 23, further comprising a plurality of gaskets for providing a seal, said gaskets interposed between said faceplates and said face frame.

27. (previously presented) The kiosk as claimed in claim 24, further comprising a plurality of gaskets for providing a seal, said gaskets interposed between said faceplates and said at least one of said cross members to which said faceplates are releasably secured.

28. (previously presented) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said cross members is releasably secured along a lateral axis of said face frame, and at least one of said cross members is releasably secured along a longitudinal axis of said face frame, said laterally and longitudinally secured cross members forming a configurable grid for releasably securing said plurality of hardware components.

29. (previously presented) The kiosk as claimed in claim 26, wherein said gasket is L shaped.

30. (previously presented) The kiosk as claimed in claim 26, wherein said gasket is T shaped.

31. (previously presented) The kiosk as claimed in claim 27, wherein said gasket is L shaped.

32. (withdrawn) A method of modifying an automated kiosk having a cabinet, a face frame releasably securable to said cabinet, a plurality of cross members secured to said face frame and a plurality of hardware components releasably secured to said cross member, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) removing a hardware component or a faceplate from said kiosk;
- (b) repositioning a releasably securable cross member on said kiosk; and
- (c) installing a new hardware component on said kiosk.

33. (withdrawn) A method of constructing an automated kiosk having a cabinet, a face frame releasably securable to said cabinet, a plurality of cross members secured to said face frame and a plurality of hardware components releasably secured to said cross member, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) assembling a cabinet to a face frame;
- (b) receiving an order which designates the hardware components required for the kiosk;
- (c) securing a plurality of cross members to said face frame in a configuration suitable for receiving said designated hardware components; and
- (d) securing said designated hardware components to said cross members.

34. (new) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1 wherein the cross member connection points and the hardware connection points are structurally equivalent to one another.

35. (new) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1 wherein the interstitial cross member connection points and the interstitial hardware connection points are structurally equivalent to one another.

36. (new) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one of said cross members is releasably securable to said face frame at both said first end and said second end.

37. (new) The kiosk as claimed in claim 36, wherein said first end of a second cross member is releasably securable to the face frame at a cross member connection point and said second end of said second cross member is releasably securable to the at least one of said cross members at an interstitial cross member connection point.

38. (new) The kiosk of claim 11 further comprising a plurality of hardware components each having a front face, said plurality of hardware components secured to said face frame and/or said cross members such that each hardware component fills a sub-opening.

39. (new) The kiosk of claim 38 wherein the front faces of the plurality of hardware components are approximately on the same plane.

40. (new) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1 wherein said interstitial cross member connection points are a plurality of longitudinally spaced apart holes for receiving a fastener for securing said cross members.

41. (new) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1 wherein said hardware connection points are a plurality of longitudinally spaced apart holes for receiving a fastener for securing said hardware components.

42. (new) The kiosk as claimed in claim 1 wherein said interstitial hardware connection points are a plurality of longitudinally spaced apart holes for receiving a fastener for securing said hardware components.